

Bexhill College: Coronavirus update for Students and Parents/Carers

Thursday 25th June 2020

As we are now moving out of lockdown and nearing the end of term, this will be the last weekly update for students and parents/carers. We will however, provide updates from time to time between now and September as information about reopening in September becomes available.

Reopening of College for First Year Students

We have started to implement the plan for welcoming more students back on site this week as per Government guidelines.

Over the final few weeks before the summer break, we are continuing to increase the number of students in College as outlined below. Staff will be contacting those students who are invited to come in and we hope those who are invited, will take the opportunity to attend.

w/c 29th June 2020 & 6th July 2020

Continuing to increase the number who are offered support with their learning in College where students are not engaging with the remote learning

Inviting in small groups of students of no more than 10 in specific areas for learning for a learning session between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

We are also offering some seminars for students in some A level subjects.

However, remote learning continues to work well for the majority of the students and therefore, this will continue until 10th July 2020 – which is the end of term. Therefore, the majority of learning will remain as online delivery and students should continue to access their lessons as they have done so up to this point.

Students should only attend college if they have been individually contacted about coming in. At this point, they will be told clearly where and when they should attend. Students will be asked to arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before their lessons start. They will be expected to follow the social distancing requirements the College has in place at all times to protect the safety of the other students and staff. If students are unable to do this, they will be asked to leave the premises. Students will have been given an information sheet on the expectations when in College.

We have a one-way system in place in the majority of the College. However, there are a small number of areas where this is not possible and whilst the corridors in these areas are wide, students may wish to wear face coverings when moving around the building in the few areas where this is not possible. Students should supply their own face coverings.

The refectory and other social areas will not be open, however, if a student cannot get home when their session has ended due to transport issues, we will make a socially distanced waiting space available until they are able to leave. The College closes at 4.00pm.

We will be monitoring the success of this very carefully and may amend activities over the next few weeks according to feedback received. We hope that if your son or daughter is invited in, they will take up the opportunity.

Results Days

As previously reported, it has been confirmed that Results Days for 2020 will remain as originally published. These are

- A/AS Level & other level 3 results day – Thursday 13th August 2020
- GCSE results day - Thursday 20th August 2020

Please put these dates in your diary. The College has issued information for second year students in the results and after booklet regarding how results will be issued, support available on those days and re-interview for return to College in September where needed later this term.

Information for first year students will be published separately before the end of term. This will be via student emails, tutorial slides and the parent update.

September 2020

We are starting to look forward to the September 2020 and the start of the new academic year. We are planning to be able to offer increased face to face teaching time for all students and will inform parents of the plans in due course. You will be aware that the Government has announced the ambition that all students should return to education full time from September however, they are yet to provide any guidance on how this should be implemented given the ongoing guidance around social distancing and other safety measures linked to Covid-19. Therefore, any plans will be determined by the Government advice that is in place at that time. We will aim to inform parents and students as soon as we can.

Students will be sent information via the student portal and tutorial about results day and re-enrolling for next year. AS students will be required to complete a form when they log-on on 13th August to collect their results. Vocational students will be contacted around that time to confirm their intention to return to College in September. An extract from the information sheet for students is provided below. Returning single year students will be interviewed in person or by phone on or after GCSE results day on 20th August.

Extract from the Results Day Sheet for First year students on two-year courses

This is important information, please read it carefully and keep it safe as you will need to refer to it on Results Day:

- Your results will be released on the Student Portal **at 8am**.
- You will need to complete a form available on Student Portal as soon as you open your results to indicate your intentions for next year. This has to be completed by 1.00pm at the latest. on Results Day.
- If you have passed all your exams and wish to continue with your courses, you should indicate this on the form and this will be programmed with you.
- If you wish to change a course or you do not pass an exam, you will need to have a telephone interview. You should indicate on the form what you wish to do next year to facilitate the interview. .
- If you need a telephone interview you will be contacted using the mobile phone number we have for you on our system.
- Vocational students, or those who were not due to sit exams, will be contacted on, or just after Results Day, to confirm you will be returning in September.
- Sue Rhodes, our Careers Officer, will be available on Results Day, should you need any careers and progression related advice and guidance.

Induction days September 2020

Induction days for students in year 2 of a two-year course will be held on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September. Students will be split into two cohorts and will be told which day they need to attend nearer the time.

For those starting new two year or single year courses will have their induction day on either Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th September. Again, details will be sent nearer the time.

HE Options for leavers – HNDs at Bexhill College September 2020

We have previously highlighted the opportunities we have in College for students to study an HND with us after finishing their level 3 studies.

The HNDs at College are part-time so students can undertake a job alongside; the classes are usually on Mondays and/or Tuesdays. The fee is covered by a student loan and we can help students access this

The HNDs are two-year courses and we offer them in:

- Business
- Health
- Early years

- Performing arts
- Creative media

Students do not need to have studied a Level 3 in the subject area to be able to apply for one of these courses, but they do need an interest in the subject area. The courses are classified as a full-time university level, equivalent to the first 2 years at university. Following this study, students will have the option to progress to a 1-year top up course at a university to achieve a full BA Hons Degree.

For more information about these courses, please visit our website - www.bexhillcollege.ac.uk/highereducation.

If you have any questions about the HNDs, you can email Louise Davison on louisedavison@bexhillcollege.ac.uk

Safeguarding:

If you have a safeguarding concern, you should report it to the Safeguarding Team using this email address: safeguardingteam@bexhillcollege.ac.uk. This email is monitored everyday between 8.30 and 4.30 Monday to Friday

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Karen Hucker Principal

Information previously published

Online Learning:

Staff continue to work hard to develop and refine the content they are providing online. In line with the updates on teaching and learning below, subject staff will have been in regular communication with their students since the College closed for face to face lessons with regard to their remote learning.

All students should continue to ensure they check the following on a daily basis:

- o Student Email
- o College Website
- o MOODLE
- o Any other communication media which their courses use

It is important students regularly check email and that they also look at the weekly tutorial slides as these will contain useful information including the following over the coming weeks:

- Results day processes for second year students including results day UCAS support
- Leavers form which will be needed as part of the deposit return process

- Returned information for first year students and single year students who are returning to college in September

Many of these processes will be different this year due to Covid-19. Many will be remote and it is important students follow the guidance issues to gain the support needed.

With the current remote working situation, if students require any technical support, they can email: itsupport@bexhillcollege.ac.uk and the staff working remotely will endeavour to resolve any IT queries students may have in relation to their college account or accessing any of the services the college offers.

Online TA support has been allocated to those students who receive additional support already for their studies, to help facilitate their online learning.

Unless ill or unable to be available for other reasons, staff are following the usual timetabled periods and will be available online at usual lesson and tutorial times to respond to student queries. If staff are unable to respond during these times, students will be informed about alternative arrangements.

Online Student Services support remains available for students who need information on financial or student welfare matters.

Remote teaching for AS courses

Remote teaching will continue as students need to complete all of their specifications to have the knowledge needed for A level study next year when exams will be back to normal. In normal circumstances, AS teaching would move to second year teaching after exams, so continuing teaching will take this into account. Students will need to engage in online learning to be able to progress to year 2 successfully and to give them the best change of performing well in next year's A level exams.

Year 1 vocational courses

Remote teaching continues for these courses with online lessons continuing at the usual scheduled timetabled times. Please ensure you follow the guidance of your teachers. Students need to complete all of their specifications to have the knowledge needed for study next year when assessment processes and exams will be back to normal. Students will need to engage in online learning to be able to progress to year 2 successfully and to give them the best change of performing well next year.

Free Seminars for parents

Andrew Wright Seminars : Action your potential

The College has been working with Andrew Wright this year to support student well-being. Please see the latest invite from Andrew below.

Dear Parents, Carers and Students at Bexhill College,

Be A Neuro-Ninja Programme - Webinars Every Tuesday at 8pm

As part of our ongoing support for our students during this difficult time we'd like to let you know about that this ongoing series of webinars continues every Tuesday evening at 8pm. It's so great to have students and parents engaging live, but lots of you have requested access to the recordings. We're two webinars in with 8 to go, use the instructions below to access the recordings at a time that suits you.

Andrew at Action Your Potential will engage, enthuse, excite and inspire you in how to get the very best out of your amazing brain. The full programme [is here](#).

Any questions about any of the content do email Andrew at andrewwright@aypuk.com

Instructions on accessing the recordings

1. Go to our website www.actionyourpotential.org This is our new website which we're preparing for September.
2. Click on **help** to find all the instructions, also **attached to this email**.

You will need to become a member to see the webinars, (it's free). This is your school password **nnbsfc20** You will need this.

Having signed up once for the webinars you don't need to sign up again, but if you didn't sign up [the link is here for you](#). Please do follow us on social media.